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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE	
In re application of: Nobuo Okazaki, et al.	Date: August 19, 2004
Serial Number: 10/604,202	Examiner: Paul M. Gurzo
Filed: 7/1/03	Group Art Unit: 2881
Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR FORMING ALIGNMENT LAYERS	IBM Corporation D/18G, B/300, Zip 482 2070 Route 52 Hopewell Junction, NY 12533-6531



#### AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 13, 2004, the following response is being submitted to place the above-identified application in prima facie condition for allowance.

Please amend the above identified application as follows:

<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)</b>			Docket No. <b>JP920020114US1</b>		
Applicant(s): <b>Nobuo Okazaki, et al.</b>					
Serial No. <b>10/604,202</b>	Filing Date <b>7/1/03</b>	Examiner <b>Paul M. Gurzo</b>	Group Art Unit <b>2881</b>		
Invention: <b>APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR FORMING ALIGNMENT LAYERS</b>					
<b>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</b>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
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Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00
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Re Applic of	International Business Machines Corporation
Docket No.	JP920020114US1
Serial No.	10/604,202
Filing Date	7/1/03
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Attached: Amendment Transmittal Form  
Amendment**PLEASE DELIVER TO:**  
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